



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

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TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 12:1-12:8

Ecclesiastes 11:8 But if a man lives many years *And rejoices in them all*, Yet let him **remember the days of darkness**, For they will be many. All that is coming *is* vanity

I. REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR.

A. We must Remember that YAHWEH (the GREAT I AM who I AM – The Absolute and Unchanging ONE) is CREATOR.

B. We must Remember that WE are created and fallen.

1. Created by God in the Image of God.
2. Created by God to Rule.
3. Created by God, but FALLEN and dying.

C. We must Remember that this world was made BY GOD and FOR GOD – all things exist for HIS GLORY.

D. We must Remember that days of trouble now are a foretaste to the rapidly approaching day of our death.

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES



1. **Read Ecclesiastes 11:7-8.** What two exhortations does God want us to remember as we finish studying Solomon's thesis about life in a fallen world? How can we take these two admonitions and apply them to our celebration of the Lord's table this morning?
2. **Ecclesiastes 12:1.** How do we REMEMBER our Creator and what specifically are we supposed to be reminded about? In what ways does our culture endeavor to teach humanity that we are sovereign? How does our culture's approach to life creep into the thinking of God's children?
3. **Read Genesis 1:26-29.** Why is it important to remember that we were created in the image of God? How does the image of God set humanity apart from the animal world? How and why do people seem to prefer believing that they are no different than an animal?
4. **Read Psalm 8:3-8.** What were created to do with God's creation? In what ways does humanity demonstrate the knowledge that we were created for something bigger than living for ourselves? i.e. How do we live for transcendence?
5. **Read Genesis 3:16; Romans 1:18-22; 3:23; 6:23.** Why did Adam eat the forbidden fruit? How is our struggle with sin like eating forbidden fruit? How does creation leave humanity without excuse for our rebellion against God? How do we fail to glorify God as God?
6. **Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11.** To whom do all things belong? How are all the things God has entrusted to our care to be used? How do we use the gifts God has given to us for His pleasure? How does humanity seek glory for self? How do we know if we are living for the glory of God rather than our own glory?
7. **Read Ecclesiastes 12:2-7.** What happens to us as the day of trouble approaches? How is this reality meant to impact our present lives? What happens when the golden bowl of life is broken? How does our day of accountability before the Lord impact our daily decisions?